

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A position adjustment device for a steering handle, comprising:
  - a fixed bracket;
  - a movable bracket;
  - a bolt shaft section for coupling said fixed bracket and movable bracket;
  - a collar member that is installed between respective supporting side sections of said movable bracket that are mutually opposing in ~~the a~~ lateral direction thereof, the collar member ~~being formed into~~ comprising a folded shape from a lower supporting plate section and an upper supporting plate section that are mutually opposing in a parallel fashion and combined together with a coupling plate, and the collar member ~~being provided with~~ comprising:
    - an end plate formed integrally with the upper supporting plate section on ~~the a~~ side opposite to that of said coupling plate[[,]]; and
    - ~~further provided with~~ a fitting section formed at ~~the a~~ lower end of said end plate; and
    - a stopper buffering material, the stopper buffering material being fixed to the end plate of said collar member.
2. (Currently Amended) A position adjustment device for a steering handle, comprising:
  - a fixed bracket;
  - a movable bracket;
  - a bolt shaft section for coupling said fixed bracket and movable bracket;
  - a collar member that is installed between respective supporting side sections of said movable bracket that are mutually opposing in ~~the a~~ lateral direction thereof, the collar

member ~~being formed into comprising~~ a folded shape from a lower supporting plate section and an upper supporting plate section that are mutually opposing in a parallel fashion and combined together with a coupling plate, and the collar member ~~being provided with~~ comprising:

an end plate formed integrally with the upper supporting plate section on ~~the a~~ side opposite to that of said coupling plate[[],]; and

~~further provided with~~ a first fitting section connected to ~~the a~~ lower end of said end plate and ~~consisting of comprising~~ a constricted section and a fitting projection formed to a greater width than said constricted section; and

a stopper buffering material firmly fitted with said first fitting section, the stopper buffering material ~~being formed with comprising~~ a fitting through hole having a smaller width than the fitting projection of said first fitting section.

3. (Currently Amended) A position adjustment device for a steering handle, comprising:

a fixed bracket;  
a movable bracket;  
a bolt shaft section for coupling said fixed bracket and movable bracket; and  
a collar member that is installed between respective supporting side sections of said movable bracket that are mutually opposing in ~~the a~~ lateral direction thereof, the collar member ~~being formed into comprising~~ a folded shape from a lower supporting plate section and an upper supporting plate section that are mutually opposing in a parallel fashion and combined together with a coupling plate, and the collar member ~~being provided with~~ comprising:

an end plate formed integrally with the upper supporting plate section on ~~the a~~ side opposite to that of said coupling plate[[],]; and

further provided with a second fitting section consisting of comprising: a left pair and a right pair of hook-shaped projecting pieces comprising vertical projecting pieces formed at ~~the~~ a lower end and at the laterally opposite sides of the end plate, and horizontal projecting pieces projecting inwards from the vertical projecting pieces respectively; and a stopper buffering material, respective side locations of said stopper buffering material in the lateral direction thereof being firmly fitted with the hook-shaped pieces of said second fitting section.

4. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 3, wherein: wherein a first fitting section comprising a constricted section and a fitting projection formed to a greater width than the constricted section is formed from the lower end of said end plate, at an approximately central position between the two hook-shaped fitting pieces of said second fitting section, and

wherein said stopper buffering material is fitted with and fixed by said first fitting section and second fitting section.

5. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 3, wherein: wherein a vertical guide piece is formed between the two hook-shaped projecting pieces of the second fitting section, and

wherein said vertical guide piece is insertable into a fitting through hole of said stopper buffering material.

6. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 1, wherein: wherein an auxiliary fitting section is formed in said coupling plate of said

collar member, an installation hole is formed in the lower supporting plate section in ~~the a~~ vicinity of ~~the a~~ region where the first fitting section piece is formed, and an auxiliary stopper buffering material having a smaller width than that of said stopper buffering material is installed on said auxiliary fitting section.

7. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 1, ~~wherein:~~ wherein said stopper buffering material comprises abutment sections abutting against said bolt shaft section, formed symmetrically in an approximately parallel fashion at a suitable interval apart, and at least one of a fitting through hole capable of fitting with said first fitting section or piece and said auxiliary fitting section is formed between the abutment sections.

8. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 2, ~~wherein:~~ wherein an auxiliary fitting section is formed in said coupling plate of said collar member, an installation hole is formed in the lower supporting plate section in ~~the a~~ vicinity of ~~the a~~ region where the first fitting section is formed, and an auxiliary stopper buffering material having a smaller width than that of said stopper buffering material is installed on said auxiliary fitting section.

9. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 3, ~~wherein:~~ wherein an auxiliary fitting section is formed in said coupling plate of said collar member, an installation hole is formed in the lower supporting plate section in ~~the a~~ vicinity of ~~the a~~ region where the first fitting section is formed, and an auxiliary stopper buffering material having a smaller width than that of said stopper buffering material is installed on said auxiliary fitting section.

10. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 4, ~~wherein: wherein~~ an auxiliary fitting section is formed in said coupling plate of said collar member, an installation hole is formed in the lower supporting plate section in ~~the a~~ vicinity of ~~the a~~ region where the first fitting section is formed, and an auxiliary stopper buffering material having a smaller width than that of said stopper buffering material is installed on said auxiliary fitting section.

11. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 5, ~~wherein: wherein~~ an auxiliary fitting section is formed in said coupling plate of said collar member, an installation hole is formed in the lower supporting plate section in ~~the a~~ vicinity of ~~the a~~ region where the first fitting section is formed, and an auxiliary stopper buffering material having a smaller width than that of said stopper buffering material is installed on said auxiliary fitting section.

12. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 2, ~~wherein: wherein~~ said stopper buffering material comprises abutment sections abutting against said bolt shaft section, formed symmetrically in an approximately parallel fashion at a suitable interval apart, and at least one of a fitting through hole capable of fitting with said first fitting section ~~or and~~ said auxiliary fitting section is formed between the abutment sections.

13. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 3, ~~wherein: wherein~~ said stopper buffering material comprises abutment sections

abutting against said bolt shaft section, formed symmetrically in an approximately parallel fashion at a suitable interval apart, and at least one of a fitting through hole capable of fitting with said first fitting section or and said auxiliary fitting section is formed between the abutment sections.

14. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 4, wherein: wherein said stopper buffering material comprises abutment sections abutting against said bolt shaft section, formed symmetrically in an approximately parallel fashion at a suitable interval apart, and at least one of a fitting through hole capable of fitting with said first fitting section or and said auxiliary fitting section is formed between the abutment sections.

15. (Currently Amended) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 5, wherein: wherein said stopper buffering material comprises abutment sections abutting against said bolt shaft section, formed symmetrically in an approximately parallel fashion at a suitable interval apart, and at least one of a fitting through hole capable of fitting with said first fitting section or and said auxiliary fitting section is formed between the abutment sections.

16. (New) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 1, wherein said fitting piece comprises a fitting projection extending from said lower end of said end plate.

17. (New) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 1, wherein said fitting piece comprises:

a constricted section; and

a fitting projection having a greater width than said constricted section.

18. (New) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 1, wherein said stopper buffering material comprises a fitting portion for receiving said fitting piece.

19. (New) The position adjustment device for a steering handle according to claim 1, further comprising:

an installation space provided between said lower supporting plate and said end plate for receiving said stopper buffering material.